

Legislative Host Information 2005
Placement Week November 15-19, 2004

Office Name: Office of Congressman Wayne T. Gilchrest

How many total staff are in your DC office? (Select one option, mark with X)

1-5	
6-10	x
> 10	

Have you previously hosted a Sea Grant fellow (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	x
No	

If yes, how many Fellows have you hosted?

Does your office accept non-United States (foreign) citizens? (Select one option, mark with X)

Yes	x
No	

Office Overview

USCOP – U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy

FCWO –House Resources Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans Subcommittee

Brief Overview of Your Office's work: (Please limit to 150 words.) The Congressman represents Maryland's 1st District, which encompasses all of Maryland east of the Chesapeake Bay, as well as parts of Baltimore, Anne Arundel, and Harford Counties. He is also Chairman of the FCWO, which oversees the following issues.

Fisheries management and conservation: Implementation of the USCOP recommendations; Magnuson-Stevens Fishery and Management Act; NOAA Fisheries; inter-jurisdictional fisheries and international fisheries negotiations, treaties and agreements; aquaculture; the Marine Mammal Protection Act; coral reef trade and conservation.

Wildlife resources, including research, restoration, refuges, and conservation: The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES); the Endangered Species Act; invasive species; migratory bird management; the Fish and Wildlife Service oversight; and National Wildlife Refuges.

Matters pertaining to estuarine, coastal, and marine environments: Implementation of the USCOP recommendations regarding governance and policy; coastal barriers; oceanography and coastal observations; marine science research and ocean exploration; coastal zone management and estuarine reserves; marine sanctuaries and protected areas.

Assignment Description.

Estimated Fellow Travel, Out-of-Office: (Select one option, mark with X)

0 days / month	
1-3 days / month	
4-7 days / month	x
8-10 days / month	
> 2 weeks / month	

Desired Background Skills: Please list. (e.g. strong written / oral communication skills, knowledge of Microsoft PowerPoint software, etc.).

The fellow must have strong communication skills, including the ability to assimilate information and identify key points for the Congressman, staff, stakeholders and constituents.
The fellow must have strong organizational skills and be able to manage multiple and complex policy and constituent issues as appropriate.
The fellow must be willing to travel to the Congressman's district.
The fellow must be willing and able to take initiative and have strong problem-solving skills.

Please list the House/Senate offices & committees with which you work closely.

Congressional Climate Caucus co-chair, Rep. Olver (D-MA)	Ocean Caucus Co-chairs, Reps. Greenwood (R-PA), Weldon (R-PA), Farr (D-CA), Allen (D-ME)
Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force co-chairs, Reps. Van Hollen (D-MD), Davis (R-VA), and Scott (D-VA)	House Resources Committee Chairman and Members
Other Maryland Delegation Member offices	House Science Committee Chairman and Members

In 300 words or less, please describe the tasks, duties, or projects the fellow will undertake, the skills a fellow will gain, and the deliverables a fellow can expect to produce from completing these tasks.

The Knauss fellow will work with legislative staff on fisheries and oceans legislation activities and initiatives and will research, review, draft, and promote such legislation authored by the Congressman, as well as keep track of relevant legislation in the House and Senate. Promotion of legislation may include organizing briefings, drafting and sending letters to other Member offices, and meeting with staff in other Congressional offices. The appropriations process will involve the fellow and provide an opportunity to apply policy and funding questions to a wide range of national and local fishery and oceans issues. As the Congressman pursues a full standing committee on oceans and estuaries, the fellow will help legislative staff to promote the formation of this committee and to prepare any documents necessary to support this process.

To support the Congressman's role as member of the Resources, Science and Transportation Committees, the fellow will prepare talking points for committee hearings and floor statements, and hearing questions.

The Knauss fellow will participate in and help set up meetings with interest groups and constituents and will write letters on fisheries and oceans issues in response to constituent letters.

Throughout the year, the fellow will participate in hearings, meetings and briefings on a wide variety of marine issues, interacting with varying political interests and will learn how to work with conflicting stakeholder viewpoints. Ideally, the fellow will acquire strong negotiation and succinct writing skills and will experience the full range of the legislative process.